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COORDINATION OF THE POLICIES AND ACTIVITIES OF THE SPECIALIZED AND OTHER BODIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM RELATED TO IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREED CONCLUSIONS ON THE THEME OF THE 1995 COORDINATION SEGMENT OF THE COUNCIL

Costa Rica*: draft resolution

Implementation of and follow-up to the major international United Nations conferences and summits

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 45/264 of 13 May 1991, on restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields, and resolutions 48/162 of 20 December 1993 and 50/227 of 2 July 1996, on further measures for the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields,

Recalling also its agreed conclusions 1995/1 on coordinated follow-up by the United Nations system and implementation of the results of the major international conferences organized by the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields,

Recognizing the efforts made by the United Nations Secretariat through the Administrative Committee on Coordination for establishing a coordinating inter-agency mechanism in support of the implementation and follow-up of the major international conferences and summits,

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* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Coordination of the policies and activities of the specialized agencies and other bodies of the United Nations system: implementation of the agreed conclusions on the theme of the 1995 coordination segment of the Council", 1/

Noting with regret the continued decline in official development assistance devoted to the implementation and follow-up of the major international conferences organized by the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields,

1. Reaffirms its decision to adopt a multi-year programme of work for the integrated follow-up to and the coordinated implementation of the major international conferences organized by the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields, taking into account the multi-year programmes of work adopted by the functional commissions;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to present a report to the 1997 substantive session of the Council, containing an analysis of the multi-year programmes of work of the relevant functional commissions, along with recommendations for better harmonizing and coordinating their respective multi-year work programmes with that of the annual substantive session of the Council;

3. Invites the Administrative Committee on Coordination to take into consideration the decisions, resolutions and agreed conclusions of the Council and its subsidiary bodies in the selection of cross-cutting themes as the basis for inter-agency follow-up of the major United Nations conferences in the economic, social and related fields;

4. Invites also the Administrative Committee on Coordination to present the report of its task forces on an enabling environment for economic and social development, basic social services for all, employment and sustainable livelihoods, and women to the substantive session of the Council in 1997 and to identify policy and coordination issues to be addressed by the Council and the General Assembly;

5. Calls upon all organizations of the United Nations system to integrate the results of the major international conferences in the economic, social and related fields into their programmes of work and to contribute relevant information, analyses and assessments to the consolidated report of the Secretary-General in support of the Council's own thematic reviews;

6. Requests the Secretary-General, in accordance with agreed conclusions 1995/1, to present reports in a timely manner and in a concise format, clearly identifying the issues and outlining options for action and their implications in order to facilitate decision-making by the Council and its subsidiary bodies;

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7. Urges all member States to honour their commitments, particularly with respect to the provision of adequate resources, to ensure full implementation of the results of the major international conferences in the economic, social and related fields and to continue considering the vital issue of mobilizing new and additional resources, including new and innovative sources of financing, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the programmes of action of the major international conferences;

8. Urges also all member States and the United Nations system to facilitate transfer of technology to developing countries on concessional and preferential terms so as to enable them to meet the agreed goals and targets of the international conferences.